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MESSAGE CONCERNING SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
OF INNER MONGOLIA.

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Japanese Army in Mongolia.
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We are projecting the above-titled investigation according to the plan in the appended papers. I herein beg to request you, by order, that if there are any officers under your command who wish to participate (as inspector) in the project to please inform me of it before July 10.

P.S. It will not be necessary for the participators (inspectors) to join us all through the investigation. They may leave or join us at Hohokoto or Paotou, etc.

PLAN FOR A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION OF
INNER MONGOLIA.

Date : April, SHOWA 13 (1938)
Planned by : The General Staff of the HASUNUMA Forces.

1. Object of the Plan.

The object of this plan lies in considering the strategic operations against Outer Mongolia and making concrete investigations in the strategic geography of the important districts in the Mongolia border and at the same time in examining on the spot the general materials already acquired, as well as in actually investigating matters concerning natural resources.

2. Outline of the Plan.

1. To examine on the spot the materials already acquired, and to obtain new materials by investigating unknown districts as much as possible, and thereby to reach a precise synthetic geographical judgment.

2. To lay the main objective of the investigation on the northern district of the Yinshan Range, and to reach a general and partial geographical judgment in preparation for various operations.

3. As regards resources, to examine the already acquired materials, especially the conditions of agriculture and stock raising.

4. To make astronomical observations and plane survey by the surveying engineers in order to have a precise knowledge of locations and to revise the charts.

5. With the Investigation Section of the Army General Staff Office as the main body, the investigation party shall be composed of selected officers and men, and specialists of various circles. The party forms one body, but shall be dispatched partially, whenever necessary.

6. The period of the investigation shall be pre-arranged as from the end of August, SHOWA 13 (1938) to the middle of October of the same year. The reports of the investigation shall be completed within two months after the investigation is completed.

7. The necessary expenditure shall be paid from the ordered budget of the Investigation Section of the Army General Staff Office with the exception of particular cases.

3. Particulars of the Plan.

(1) The map of the course to be taken in the investigation is in Appendix No. 1.

(2) The matters to be investigated and the persons in charge are in Appendix 2.

(3) The plan of organization, equipment and supply of provisions and fuel of the investigation party is in Appendix 3.

(4) The outline for preparation of the investigation is in Appendix 4.

(5) The outline for the compilation of the investigation reports is in Appendix 5.

(6) The necessary expenditure of the investigation is in Appendix 6.

RECORDS OF INFORMATION BY THE AIR FORCE AT NANKING.

Date : August 12

The General Conditions of Naval Air Force activities.

1. The bombing of Nanchang.

On the 7th of August, SHOWA 13 (1938), in the teeth of a heavy thunder storm we bombed the old and new airfields at Nanchang. We could not find enemy planes in the air or on the ground in either place and the anti-aircraft guns were not furious. Besides the airfields we bombed the Nanchang Station and munitions depots south of the station, setting some places ablaze.

2. The bombing of Chian and Changsh chen.

On the 9th we bombed the Chian airfield. We could not find enemy planes both in the air and on the ground. Another unit reached Changsh chen, but could not see enemy planes in the airfield. So the unit bombed freight cars in the stationyard and munitions depots, some of which were destroyed by fire.

3. The bombing of Wu-Hang San chen.

On the 11th, flying through shreds of cloud which were left by the typhoon, the naval air units carried out air raids on Wu-Hang San chen. We found no enemy planes in the air, and only a small number of them on the ground. Our attacking units carried out exhaustive raids, dropping hundreds of bombs on the air defense batteries, enemy defense positions and other military establishments at Toshan (?), Wuchang and Kweishan, Hanyang. All our planes returned after having destroyed the central district of the enemy's military establishments.

The Japan-Soviet Incident.

(1) The Information Department of the Foreign Ministry on the 10th August, SHOWA 13 (1938) at 10 PM published the following statement about the agreement reached between Japan and Soviet Russia on the termination of hostilities.

As the result of a conference between Litvinov, Soviet Chief Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, and Ambassador SHIGEMITSU, on the night of August 10th, an agreement has been reached on the following items:

- A. Both sides shall stop military operations at noon (the maritime province hour) on the 11th.
- B. Both Japanese and Soviet troops should maintain the line as of twelve o'clock AM (the maritime province hour) on the 11th.
It has been decided that the practical measures to fulfill the agreement shall be conferred between the representatives of both troops.

C. According to the announcement of the War Ministry at 1800 on the 11th, tranquility reigns over the districts near Changkufeng since the morning of the 11th.